

SAMPLE AGENDA FOR LPHA LEGISLATIVE MEETING¹

10:00-10:05 Introductions and Housekeeping

10:05-10:40 Legislators share their priorities, how LPHAs can help, and any constituent issues related to public health.

10:40-11:20 LPHAs showcase their recent successes and highlight challenges or issues. Help them understand how you serve their constituents and how the public values your services

11:20-11:50 Legislative trends and bills affecting public health²

11:50-12:30 Lunch and discussion of the Ten Greatest Achievements of Public Health (using Powerpoint)

¹The time frames are flexible and should be tailored to the situation. If there are many legislators in attendance, more time may be needed for them to talk. If there are fewer, that timeframe can be shortened.

²This can include past, present and/or upcoming sessions. Focus on potential changes to food safety laws, communicable diseases, immunizations and rule-making authority. Talk about local board of health authority to make rules, regulations and orders to protect the public's health. Examples: rules of operation for the health center (including fees), quarantine orders. Also a good time to talk about the need for general revenue funding to keep the statewide public health system going.

GENERAL NOTE: Keep the tone of the meeting cordial and polite. This is your opportunity to make a good impression and help the legislators know they can turn to you for advice. They will leave with a better appreciation of the benefits your agency provides to their communities.